

PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Thursday, March 26, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioners Don Campbell, Ken Topping, Jim Harrison, Eric Meyer and Jim Irving

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015 -007**

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION  
OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN, LAND USE  
AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT

WHEREAS, State Law requires that a General Plan be adopted; and

WHEREAS, Land Use and Circulation Element of the San Luis Obispo General Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on September 22, 1980, and is a proper element of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, public necessity, convenience and general welfare requires that the elements of a General Plan be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the County of San Luis Obispo held a public hearing on March 26, 2015, to consider the San Luis Obispo County General Plan amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, at the conclusion of the public hearing, recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors of the amendments to the San Luis Obispo County General Plan, Land Use and Circulation Element.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, that the Amendments to the San Luis Obispo County General Plan, Land Use and Circulation Element be adopted as follows:

1. Adopt the Amendments to the San Luis Obispo County General Plan, Land Use and Circulation Element and the exhibits listed below, and which is expressly referred to and incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

- a. Exhibit LRP2008-00004:A - Findings, and
- b. Exhibit LRP2008-00004:B - Proposed Land Use Category Map Changes.

On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Commissioners Topping, Campbell, Harrison, Meyer and Irving

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

/s/ Ken Topping  
Chairperson of the Planning Commission

ATTEST:

/s/ Ramona Hedges  
Secretary, Planning Commission

Exhibit LRP2008-00004:A

**FINDINGS FOR SANTA MARGARITA CEMETERY DISTRICT  
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT LRP2008-00004**

*Environmental Determination*

- A. The project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies to projects that have the potential for not causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment because the proposed land use category change would (with conditional use permit approval) recognize the longstanding public use of the site as a cemetery and would allow for an expansion into a 0.68-acre area that has historically been used for cattle grazing and which does not contain any sensitive habitat. Physical development associated with the cemetery expansion would be limited to grading for burial plots and extending interior roads. Therefore, the project is not subject to CEQA (State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061 (b) (3), General Rule Exemption).

*Land Use Element Amendment*

- B. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Land Use Element and other adopted elements of the general plan because all future uses are limited to those allowed under Table 2-2 for the Public Facilities land use category. In particular, this general plan amendment would recognize the longstanding public use of the site as a cemetery and would allow for a 0.68-acre cemetery expansion, subject to conditional use permit approval.
- C. The proposed amendment is consistent with the guidelines for amendments to land use categories because:
- a. The proposal would allow (with conditional use permit approval) for the continued use and expansion of an existing cemetery, an allowed use in the Public Facilities land use category, and is consistent with existing planning policies.
  - b. Continuation and expansion of the cemetery will not conflict with adjacent grazing land, adversely affect the appearance of the countryside, or result significant environmental impacts.
  - c. The proposal is consistent with Agriculture Element Policy 24 (Conservation of Agricultural Land) because there are no feasible alternative locations for a new cemetery in the Santa Margarita Urban Reserve Line.
  - d. There are no existing sites designated Public Facilities in Santa Margarita or the project vicinity that would be available or suitable for a new cemetery.
  - e. The existing cemetery has a remaining capacity of about 20 burials (approximately a one year capacity) and the proposal is necessary to extend its capacity for another 50 years to continue to meet community burial needs.
- D. The proposed amendment will protect the public health, safety and welfare of the area residents by allowing for the continued use and expansion of the existing Santa Margarita Cemetery, which is compatible with the existing development of the surrounding area and the County's General Plan.

- E. The proposed amendment is consistent with the purpose and character statements in the Land Use Element of the General Plan for the Public Facilities land use category as the proposed land use category change would recognize the longstanding public use of the site as a cemetery and would allow for a 0.68-acre expansion to continue to meet burial needs in the community Santa Margarita and surrounding areas.

PROPOSED LAND USE CATEGORY MAP CHANGE LRP2008-00004

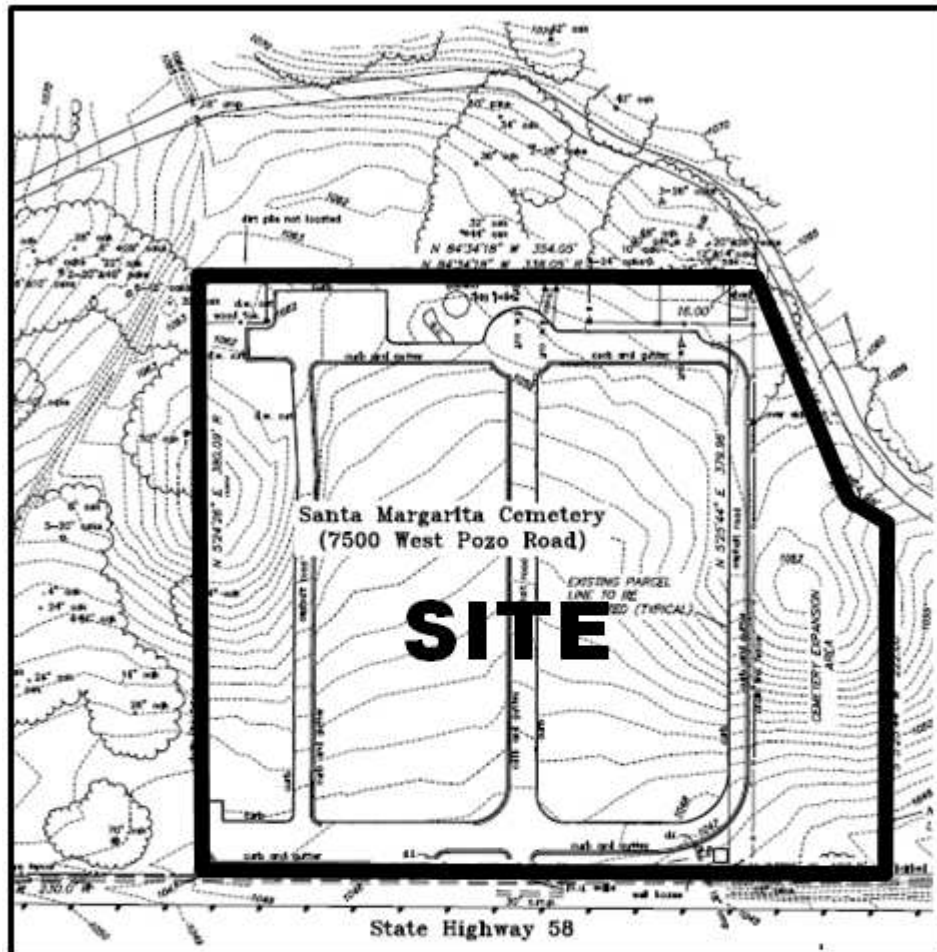


EXHIBIT LRP2008-00004:B

INITIATING A PRECISE LAND  
USE DESIGNATION AS SHOWN  
ON OFFICIAL LAND USE  
CATEGORY MAP ON FILE IN THE  
DEPT. OF PLANNING AND  
BUILDING

CHANGE FROM AG TO PF

SANTA MARGARITA  
CEMETERY DISTRICT  
GENERAL PLAN  
AMENDMENT